

In the Specification

Please replace the title on page 1, lines 5 and 6 with the following:

METHOD FOR IDENTIFYING LIGANDS, INHIBITORS OR PROMOTERS OF CXCR3  
CHEMOKINE RECEPTOR 3

Please replace the title on page 87, lines 1 and 2 with the following:

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Please delete the paragraph at page 87, lines 4 through 14.

Please replace the paragraph at page 87, lines 15 through 33 with the following paragraph:

The invention relates to methods of identifying ligands, and inhibitors (e.g., antagonists) or promoters (e.g., agonists) of receptor function, including methods in which host cells comprising a nucleic acid encoding a CXCR3 or variant thereof are used in an assay to identify and assess the efficacy of ligands, inhibitors or promoters. Inhibitors and promoters of receptor function can be used to modulate receptor activity, permitting selective inhibition of lymphocyte function, particularly of effector cells such as activated T lymphocytes and NK cells for therapeutic purposes.

Amendments to the specification are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i and ii).

In the Claims